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From: Lori Goldston
To: Cornmissioner Adelstein
Date: Tue, Mar 11,2003 5:54 PM
Subject: media ownership consolidation

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Dear Commissioner,

Thanks for attending last week's forum in Seattle. The strong turnout in the face of very minimal publicity should serve as an indication of the public's depth of concern regarding this matter.

I believe that relaxation of the current restrictions would severely limit the range of views available in the media. This would doubtless have a negative effect on our culture, and on the health of our democracy

Please continue to uphold the traditional duties of the FCC--promotion of localism, diversity and competition, rather than serving those whose interest **is** merely financial

Sincerely

Lori Goldston
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Dear Commissioner

I am writing to express my deep concern regarding Docket No. 02-277. I believe that relaxation of the current restrictions would severely limit the range of views available in the media. This will doubtless have a negative effect on our culture, and on the health of our democracy.

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Commissioner Powell, I urge you to make sure the FCC does not relax or drop these vital regulatory rules.

Sincerely,

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Olympia, WA, 98506

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From: Amercit@aol.com
To: Mike Powell
Date: Mon. Mar 10, 2003 11:47 PM
Subject: Deregulation

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Mergers in broadcasting has homogenized and commercialized the offerings to the detriment of local viewpoints and alternative voices not reflective of the mass commercial media. Please don't make things worse! The public, not lobbyists for major corporations, should determine how public property like the airwaves gets used.

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From: Jeremy Puma
To: Mike Powell, Kathleen Abernathy, Michael Copps, KM KJMWEB, Commissioner
Adelstein
Date: Mon, Mar 10, 2003 5 04 PM
Subject: NO to media deregulation!

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Dear sirs and madam:

Federal Communications Commission
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As a writer and artist, as well as a US citizen, I have become increasingly concerned with the FCC's management of our public airwaves. To deregulate the media even further would be disastrous to our shared democratic values, and would represent a grave disservice to the American people.

02-277

I applaud Commissioners Copps and Edelstein for their efforts to allow for public comment before the seemingly inevitable rush to corporate consolidation. I am greatly disappointed in Chairman Powell's transparent pandering to corporate interests, and I feel that his regrettable attempt to squelch public debate represents a betrayal of the public trust. I urge the FCC to preserve diversity, localism, and competition in media by saying **NO** to deregulation.

Jeremy Puma

Seattle, WA

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From: maureen mecagni
To: Mike Powell
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Subject: Preserve Diversity and Openness in the Media and on the Internet

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84a old riverhead rd
hampton bays, NY 11946

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Federal Communications Commission Chair Michael K. Powell
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Rm 8-A204
Washington, DC 20554

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Chair Powell:

The Federal Communications Commission is responsible for ensuring that the media serve the public interest. I am concerned that the FCC is acting on behalf of big business rather than the people.

It is clear that the FCC has stepped up its efforts to de-regulate the media and telecommunications industries. You must act now to halt further media consolidation and to preserve the openness and diversity of the Internet,

As a supporter of women's rights, I am concerned that the current media merger free-for-all threatens to rob us all of the independent voices, views and ideas that nourish a pluralistic, democratic society. Ownership consolidation is squeezing out what little diversity remains in the marketplace.

The media are more than just a business; they bring information to people that affects their lives. We cannot have a healthy democracy, and women cannot pursue equal rights, if we are uninformed on the issues. The media have a responsibility to serve the public interest and ensure that all voices are heard. It is your job to promote this.

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To: Mike Powell
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Subject: FCC don't allow media monopolies

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Sincerely,

Edward Dunar
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From: Matthew Miller
To: Mike Powell
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From: BBGREGSON@cs.com
To: Mike Powell
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Subject: Concentration of media

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Mr. Powell,

I haven't quite figured out how to send a message on Media Concentration, so will send it to you

Media concentration is a matter of grave concern to me as a member of a democratic system; my sense is that we are way over-concentrated at this time, and the public airways should be freed up to the fullest extent possible, allowing much broader ownership and operation. I don't deign to suggest precise terms for this, but ask that you and your fellow commissioners move vigorously in that direction.

Sincerely

Robert Gregson, retired farmer
Vashon Island. WA

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From: alexandra pye
To: Mike Powell
Date: Fri. Mar 7, 2003 6:56 PM
Subject: FCC hearings

Dear Chairman Powell and Commissioners Abernathy, Copps, Martin, and Adelstein:

I am very concerned that deregulation of FCC has consolidated ownership of the radio/television stations and newspapers into fewer companies thus diminishing the diversity and broad coverage of news that the FCC is empowered to guard, and that is essential to a democratic government.

Therefore, I would not support further consolidation of media ownership, or further deregulation in order to abide by an FCC policy to provide broad coverage of news to the American people. I support Seattle City Council's resolution March 3, relating to the above. Councilman Compton proposed this at the at the University of Washington on March 7.

I thank the Commission for having hearings across the U.S., and request a response to my e-mail, if at all possible.

Sincerely,

Alexandra Pye (e-mail: alexandrapye@hotmail.com)

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To: Commissioner Adelstein
Date: 3/9/03 3:31 PM
Subject: Comments to the Commissioner

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Rick Leach (rleach@primus.ca) writes:

As a large shareholder of COVD communication I must admit I was totally blown away by the commissions decision in regards to linesharing. I have numerous articles stating that you as well as others that actually voted for the removal were actually not in favour of it. To me this decision is not in the spirit of the Telecomm Act or the spirit of true democracy.i.e. the majority were not in favour of it, yet it passes. Political wrangling should not have a place in this forum and people should vote for what they feel is best for telecommunications and the country going forward. These people need to look the employees and shareholders of Covd in the eyes and explain their rationale. I think it will be very difficult. I invested in COVD based on the spirit of the Telecom act and the fact that they are a facilities based provider and for 50% of my investment to go away based on a decision by the FCC that was not a true majority but was also without any merit is truly frustrating. T!

his boils down to my question. I

s their any avenues for you as member who has expressed doubt as to the validity of the removal of linesharing to mitigate the outcome of this disastrous decision. I think in terms of what has transpired to date the least the commissioners can do is make the transition as smooth as possible. Grandfathering COVD's existing customers would be a good start We need competition in Broadband and I am afraid this ruling has hampered this significantly. The Bells have already stated that they will not be investing so I ask besides severely damaging a facilities based provider such as COVD what will this ruling accomplish. Doesnt look like any investment will occur and competition is hurt

Thanks in advance

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From: V Madala
To: Mike Powell, Kathleen Abernathy
Date: 2/20/03 10:07PM
Subject: Thank you for sticking to your principles in the voting today

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Respected Chairman Michael K. Powell
8 Commissioner Kathleen Q. Abernathy,

We live in the silicon valley and most of our family
and friends work in **the** hi-tech/telecom industry
UNE-P is unfair and very bad for the economy. Thanks
your position at FCC's voting on this issue today.

We understand that politics and lobbying killed your
deregulation proposal. Please continue your fight.
Goodluck!.

Sincerely,

Mr Venkat Madala & Mrs. Rohini Madala
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San Ramon, CA 94583
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From: Josh Rideout
To: Mike Powell
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Subject: rural broadband

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Mr. Chairman

I was wondering if you could answer this simple question. Is there something that the FCC could do to inquire about the availability of broadband service to rural areas? All my inquiries, on the phone and online, have gone unanswered. I have to deal with the most antiquated service provider on the face of the planet. Alltel in southeast Missouri is a joke to say the least. It always seems that we are the last people to see any improvements in the telephone network in our area. Until 1988, we were still dealing with a party line, and that was only accomplished by complaining to a congressman for years about not being able to conduct our business. This is the 21st century for crying out loud. Where are these new services we were promised? Alltel seems to be blatantly refusing to upgrade any of their networks, especially in our area. I don't understand why there seems to be priority in installing systems that could support DSL in urban areas. One word comes to mind: Monopoly. The only option we have for broadband right now is satellite. I have hounded Alltel for an answer and they cannot even give me a rough estimate of when they are even to start upgrading and up until recently the local office didn't even know what DSL was, they had never heard of it. I am not saying that it would have to be provided to us over fiber, but the antiquated technology that is deployed in our area has several load coils installed between us and the switching office, so the line would be preventing us service, even if they had bothered to upgrade their hardware. They do not realize the animosity that is directed toward them over the poor quality of service. Every small urban area surrounding us has access through one medium or another to a broadband connection, all provided by other companies. Alltel seems to have a little bubble that is forgotten about in the center. I am tired of dealing with inadequate service. There has to be something done to force these companies to comply. We are too far from a nearby city that provides microwave, cable, and DSL internet. This is just a farce and something needs to be done. I hope that you can do or say something that will help us join the rest of the planet.

Thank you,
Josh Rideout

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() writes:

Make amends for your Line Sharing debacle!

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From: Johnny Franklin
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Subject: Comments to the Commissioner

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Johnny Franklin (jfnpf@sbcglobal.net) writes:

It is hard for me to understand why you ruled against the baby bells and for AT&T, World Com, et al. By doing this you are causing companies to lay off thousands of people. It is the democrats that say they are for the working man. Is this how you help us? Your decision not affects the baby bells but also Lucent, Nortel, Intel, etc. You have hamstrung the telecommunications industry which prevents the public from realizing the technology advancements that have and could be achieved. If you think the baby bells are being treated fairly, send me forty (40) cents out of every dollar that you make. I truly believe that you and your peers have been educated beyond your intelligence. You are helping the working man just like when AT&T was split up. My phone bill is 4 or 5 times higher now than it was prior to the breakup. It is hard for me to understand how a person with so little common sense can get into your position. It makes me proud to know that the democrats have

such fine leaders in their party.

As a working man, I know your party can be depended upon to look after my best interest!?? On election day, I will be happy to support the democratic party as my family and I have been supported in this instance and so many others.

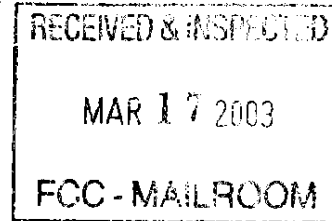
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Re: Docket No. 02-277

Dear commissioners,

I wish to comment on the Biennial Review of the FCC's broadcast media ownership rules, Docket No. 02-277. All current media ownership rules now under review must be maintained to ensure competition, diversity, and localism in the media marketplace.

Our democracy depends on an informed citizenry able to receive a broad, diverse spectrum of views and ideas. The media ownership rules being reviewed are more important today than when they were originally written. If any changes need to be made, it would be to reinstate the limitations to pre-Telecommunications Act of 1996.

I urge you to consider the public comments from hearings in my city, Seattle, as well as other cities throughout the country, and to **also** take into account the message contained in Senator Feingold's "Competition in Radio" bill.

The licensees of the public airwaves regulated by the FCC have an obligation to serve the public. Media consolidation does not accomplish this mission. I urge the FCC to serve the American public and to strengthen media ownership rules.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Karl Woelfer".

Karl WOELFER
Seattle, WA

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